

I am very dismayed to hear about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election, but even more dismayed that they can do this unilaterally with no checks and balances from the FCC. I had always thought that since there are only limited number of public airwaves, those who "own" them, really don't - they just borrow it and must use it responsibly with the interests of all the public interest as their top priority!

Since only corporations are rich enough to "borrow" a public airwave, they have a special responsibility - but also a very strong conflict of interest with their own bottom line and personal interests. But historically, corporations have tried to maintain some level of ethics.

Now, Sinclair has thrown all of that to the wind, and is blatantly and with disdain and arrogance dictating to all their affiliates what must be broadcast. They are even foregoing ANY sense of fairplay by not even affording the opposite viewpoint any airtime. This is so unfair, and even seems illegal to me. It is certainly against the spirit of the law of distribution of public airwaves, given out free of charge. I urge you to rule on this ASAP and prevent Sinclair from taking this illegal, unethical and un-American action, or at the very least, REQUIRING Sinclair to broadcast equal time for the opposing view and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. It would be irresponsible of you to do anything less.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Thank you.